



# ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening Vigil 6.00pm (Exposition 4.30pm - 5.45pm)  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 9.10am  
Tuesday 7.00pm (Exposition 6.00pm - 7.00pm)  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.10am  
Saturday 9.00am

## FROM FATHER RANING

Typical of last minute Christmas shoppers, a mother was running furiously from store to store. Suddenly she became aware that the pudgy little hand of her three year old son was no longer clutched in hers. In a panic she retraced her steps and found him standing with his little nose pressed flatly against a frosty window. He was gazing at a manger scene. Hearing his mother's near hysterical call, he turned and shouted with innocent glee: "Look Mommy! It's Jesus - Baby Jesus in the hay!" With obvious indifference to his joy and wonder, she impatiently jerked him away saying, "We don't have time for that!"

**An Advent Examination:** (Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, p. 196) "Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. "Daily we can make an Advent examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts. May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation, and fulfilment into the Advent of our lives."

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Brian Baker, Rebecca Duncum, Neil Gover, Gus DelVillar, Dex Habito, Maroun Ayoub, Greg Keating, George El-Bayeh, Sonia Merhi, Margaret Brennan, Piper Hastings, Tim Coakley, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Marty Stockford, Silvi Perumal, Arun Papali, Danielle Brown, Ludie Irrulbandra, Mal & Chris Keys & Charlie Micallef.

*As You are the One, and we, Your servants,  
we Pray. Oh God above to heal and  
support all of the members of our parish  
family who are sick.  
Amen*

## WEEKDAY MASS GOERS

On the evening of Tuesday 18 December our Parish School will be celebrating the Year 6 Graduation Mass. Our regular evening Mass therefore, will be moved to Tuesday 9:10am. The evening mass will be cancelled for that evening only.

## COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Please consider buying one for yourself or perhaps a family friend or relative.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are available in the piety stall for a cost of \$6.00. **Please keep Christ in Christmas.**

## CAN YOU HELP?

We are in need of volunteers for the Vigil and the 8am masses, to run the overhead projector. If you are able to assist please place your name and number against the mass that you are able to assist with, all training will be provided. Many thanks



## FEAST DAYS

4th St John Damascene  
6th St Nicholas  
7th St Ambrose  
8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9th St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday at 3.30pm in the Marian Chapel. All welcome.

## NOVENA MASS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Tuesday at 7pm preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6-7pm

## ROSARY

For the intention of world peace. Every Wednesday at 2.30pm in the Church.

## NEXT MEETING

Parish Council	3/12	7.30pm
Leisure Group	5/12	10.00am
SVDP	12/12	7.00pm
Liturgy	12/12	7.00pm
Finance	17/01	7.00pm
Sacramental Team	20/02	7.30pm

8/9 DECEMBER	6.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	9.30 AM	6.00 PM
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Eugene De Souza	Jim Martin Norm Badaoui	Warren D'Costa Tim Hamilton	Tony Anthony
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	Elly Benkovich Dilani Dhammapala	Veronica Fry Jan Francis	Frank Roach Wendy Roach	Peter Cruz Kerry Bailey
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>READERS</b>	Bianca Del Rosario Sharon Del Rosario	Christie Bawden Emmy Cox	Peter Gold Michael Reid	Jill Cruz Phil Ogle
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS</b>	Nereo & Rosa Fabrello	Volunteers	Leslie & Rineth Scott	Couples for Christ
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Maddie Hamilton & Jessica Gonzalez			
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Eileen & Dennis Dunnachie, Judy Hince, Chris Leonard and Gemma Martin			
<b>WINDOW CLEANING</b>	Nereo & Rosa Fabrello			

## HOLY HOUR for VOCATIONS

Saturday 5.00-6.00pm  
Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

## MOMENTS OF MERCY

God never violates our free will. It is up to us whether we want to receive God's grace or not. It is up to us whether we will co-operate with it or waste it" (Diary, 1107).

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Bill comes home: Former Governor General prepares for his First Communion
- Asia Bibi protest
- Archbishop Fisher OP: Christ is our king
- All for her: Californians push to consecrate their state to Mary
- New Catholic students curriculum
- Movie review: **Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald**

## PIETY STORE

Available in the Piety Store: ★ Gifts for Christmas and all occasions. ★

"It is not enough just to wish well we must also do well"  
*St Ambrose*

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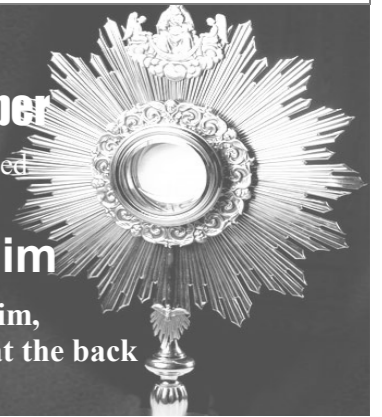
## 24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Friday 7 December to Saturday 8 December

Starting at 9:10am with Mass on Friday, our Lord will be exposed for 24 hours and concluding with Mass at 9am on Saturday

**Come ... spend some time with Him**

At all times our Lord Jesus must have someone with Him, so please signify your interest on the timetable posted at the back of the Church



## SEMINARIAN APPOINTED FOR SHORT-TERM PASTORAL EXPERIENCE IN THE PARISH

We extend a warm welcome to Jack El Kazzi who has just joined us here at St Pauls. A fourth year seminarian from our Diocesan Holy Spirit Seminary, Jack will be here until Christmas Day. The placement is for pastoral experience which Jack is keenly anticipating. Please say hi and make Jack feel most welcome.

## BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please give with a generous heart to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal this weekend "Your compassionate gifts and prayers will support the safe shelter, independent living and parenting skills programs that homeless mothers rely on from CatholicCare's Houses to Homes service." (Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv). Gifts over \$2 to the Catholic Foundation are tax deductible. For more information please visit: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jack & Gladys Scott, Fr David Scott, Therese & Noel Scahill, Louis Bayeh, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Julia Sherman, Bern, Mary Betts, Elias & Afifi Younis, Frank Whiting, Ted Church, Josephine Clayton, Elizabeth & Allan Ward, Frank Borg, Stella Borg, Fabri Family, Suzanne Portelli, Pasquale & Maria Paoletti, Ross Nelson, Edna Fernandez, Adrian Coppolino, Marie & Claude Strange, Nellie Rodrigues, Brian Hollings, Franco & Lucia Paoletti, Joe Mangion, Sebastian Pereira, Therese Farrugia, Noel May, William Wilson, Sam & Lily Vella, Paul Gove, Noel & Trudy Millett and Mario & Maria Coppolino.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal

Great response last weekend — Please keep the donations coming. Only this weekend and the next before packing on 12 December. For perishable goods please be aware of best before or use by dates.

## LITTLE WHITE BOX

This is available this weekend. All proceeds go to the Pregnancy Support Foundation. A small contribution can make a big difference in the life of a little one and its mother. Thank you for your continued support.

## ADVENT WREATH

There are still a number of places to be filled for anyone who would like to participate in the Advent Liturgies by lighting the Advent Candle at the beginning of Mass. Please leave your name on the sheet at the back of the church.



## 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Paul the Apostle Church, Winston Hills  
Monday 10 December at 7pm  
St Michael's Church, Baulkham Hills  
Wednesday 19 December at 7.30pm